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FEBRUARY 5, 1973

TO: HOOD

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMER.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE U.S. SIDE APPRECIATES THE PROMPT RESPONSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH OF THE CHINESE SIDE CONCERNING ITS MESSAGE ON THE FORTH-COMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. DR. KISSINGER WILL DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN GREATER DETAIL WHEN HE VISITS PEKING, BUT THE U.S. SIDE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME PRELIMINARY COMMENTS IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE CHINESE SIDE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

1. THE U.S. SIDE UNDERSTANDS GUARANTEES TO MEAN AT LEAST THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL ASSUME A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN INDOCHINA. IT WOULD SEEM TO BE INADEQUATE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION TO BE RESTRICTED TO REPORTING ONLY TO THE PARTIES WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT THE COMMISSION IS SUPERVISING. THEREFORE, SOME METHOD MUST BE DEvised TO KEEP THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE CONTINUALLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA AFTER THE CONFERENCE ADJOURNS. SOME MEANS MUST ALSO BE ESTABLISHED TO RECONVENE THE CONFERENCE IF NECESSARY.

2. UNANIMITY THROUGH CONSULTATION SHOULD BE THE RULE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE UNITED STATES PREFERS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ACT AS CO-CHAIRMAN, WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ACTING AS PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRESIDING OVER THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. IF THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, IF THE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT

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SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 WERE ADOPTED, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CONFERENCE. IN THE EVENT THAT THE UNITED STATES AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CO-CHAIR THE CONFERENCE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S ROLE AS PRESIDING OFFICER AND AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DIRECTION BY THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN, ACTING IN UNANIMITY. IN HIS CAPACITY AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD DIRECT A COMMON SERVICES SECRETARIAT, WOULD APPORTION AND COLLECT THE COMMON COSTS OF THE CONFERENCE, WOULD KEEP AND PUBLISH ALL RECORDS OF THE CONFERENCE, AND WOULD PERFORM SUCH OTHER EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS AS THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN MAY DIRECT.

4. THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD CONVENE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CENTER IN PARIS ON FEBRUARY 26, 1973.

OR, KISSINGER WILL BRING TO PEKING A U.S. DRAFT OF THE FINAL DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

II. THE U.S. SIDE WISHES TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE. IT IS THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN PARIS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND THAT THE AGENDA SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THE ITEMS DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN PEKING IN FEBRUARY 1972.  
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